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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual Self-Certification of Support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc., hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that it is eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

I, G. Mark Patterson, attest for the Study Area Codes listed below all federal high-cost support provided to Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc. was used in the preceding calendar year **(2014)** and will be used in the coming calendar year **(2016)** only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.”¹

Company Name	Study Area Code
Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	290565

Signed,

251658240

Signature of Corporate Officer

Chief Executive Officer & General Manager

251658240

Title

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¹ 47 C.F.R. §54.314(b) (“Carriers not subject to State jurisdiction. An eligible telecommunications carrier not subject to the jurisdiction of a State that desires to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carrier was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Support provided pursuant to the high-cost program shall only be provided to the extent that the carrier has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.”).

54.314(b) Self-Certification
Filing Year: 2015

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Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R § 54.314, the **Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the Study Area Codes (SACs) listed below are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

I **G Patterson** certify that for the Study Area Codes (SACs) listed below all federal high-cost support provided to **Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.** was used in the preceding calendar year (**2014**) and will be used in the coming calendar year (**2016**) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹

ETCs CERTIFIED BY Highland Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Company Name	SAC
HIGHLAND TEL COOP-TN	290565

Signed,

Signature of Certifying Officer: Certified On-Line

Name of Certifying Officer: G Patterson

Title or Position of Certifying Officer: CEO - General Manager

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Date: 09/10/2015

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(b) ("Carriers not subject to State jurisdiction. An eligible telecommunications carrier not subject to the jurisdiction of a State that desires to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carrier was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the upcoming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. Support provided pursuant to the high-cost program shall only be provided to the extent that the carrier has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.")